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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—E. ADAM, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GORDON STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GORDON, 10, Queen Victoria Street, E.C. BAXTER & CO., 2, Walbrook, E.C. SADLER, DRAGON & CO., 150 & 154, Sadler's Street, W. M. WILLIS, 151, Union Street, E.C. RODERICK WATSON, 152, Fleet Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—AMADEU PEINER, 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris.

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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$9,296,677.07
RESERVE FUND.....\$6,806,596.31
RESERVE LIABILITY OF.....\$9,296,677.07
PROPRIETORS.....\$9,296,677.07

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—J. S. MOSE, Esq.
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Hongkong, F. DE BOVIS, Esq.
MANAGER
Shanghai, P. W. GARDNER, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG
INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate

of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILL DISCOUNTED.

Ordinary granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial ports in Europe, India, Australia, America, China, and Japan.

F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 24, 1891. 363

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong, Business hours on week-days, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

2.—Some less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more of their credit will have the option of making the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Co. Correspondent, fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank, if desired, to Hongkong Savings' Bank, Business is forwarded in due time to various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, June 5, 1891. 754

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$500,000.

London: Head Office, 40, Threadneedle Street, West End Office, 25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives Money on Deposit, Buys and Sells Bills of Exchange, Issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be agreed upon.

Interest Allowed on Deposits:

Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 "

" 3 " 3 "

On Current Deposit Accounts 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, September 4, 1891. 1363

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the OFFICE HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 21st day of October, 1891, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June 1891.

By Order of the Court of Directors.
F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 30, 1891. 1507

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Register of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 8th day of August, Current, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors.
F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 30, 1891. 1508

THE TIN DISCOVERY AT KOWLOON.

THE CONCESSIONAIRES, invite any persons interested in the Purchased Account of the above Mine, to VISIT the same on SATURDAY, the 1st of August. They will meet the Ferry launch arriving at Kowloon at 4.10 p.m., and proceed direct to the Mine.

S. B. J. SKERTCHLY,
H. E. DENSOR,
Concessionaires.

Hongkong, July 30, 1891. 1502

HANKO HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, the 3rd August.

For the Chartered Merchantile Bank of India, London and China.
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.
F. DE BOVIS,
Acting Chief Manager.

For the New Oriental Bank Corporation, Limited.
E. W. RUTTER,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris.
L. GLENAT,
Acting Agent, Hongkong.

For the Bank of China, Japan, and the Straits, Ltd., Hongkong.
DE WESTLEY LAYTON,
Secretary.

Hongkong, July 27, 1891. 1482

NOTICE.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE,
IN BANKRUPTCY,
Re ADAMSON, BELL & CO.

TELEGRAPHIC instructions have been received from Mr. GEORGE WESTFORD, Official Receiver, High Court of Justice, London, authorizing the undersigned to act on his behalf in all matters pertaining to the above estate. All Creditors of the said firm Hongkong are hereby requested to forward particulars of their claims to the undersigned, and all Debtors to the said firm are hereby notified that payment may only be made to the undersigned.

Dated this 11th day of July, 1891.

1430 DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.

NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

M. R. A. B. MCKEEAN is authorized to SIGN all DOCUMENTS and exercise all Powers necessary for the conduct of the Business of the BANK, as ACTING CHIEF MANAGER.

CHAU TUNG SHANG, WILLIAM WOTTON, OHAN KI SHAN, Directors.
D. GILLIES KWAN OH CHUN, Hongkong, July 24, 1891. 1456

NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SECOND CALL of £2 per Share due on SIXTH JULY, is PAYABLE at the NATIONAL BANK'S NEW OFFICE, No. 5, Queen's Road, at the Exchange of 3/2, say \$12.46 1/2 per Share.

PROVISIONAL SCRIP CERTIFICATES will be issued in exchange for Allotment Letters and Vouchers for Calls paid.

A. B. MCKEEAN,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 24, 1891. 1458

CALDBECK MACGREGOR & CO.,

Wine and Spirit Merchants,

Ale and Stout Merchants,

13, Queen's Road,

Hongkong.

Agencies in all the Principal Ports of China and Japan.

Hongkong, December 22, 1890. 477

MAC'S AINE SPECIAL BLEND OF FINEST OLD VATED SCOTCH WHISKY,

'Of unsurpassed body and exquisite and highly refined flavour.'

Price, \$10 per Case.

Sale Agent JOHN D. HUTCHISON.

Hongkong, October 30, 1890. 1297

THE BANK receives Money on Deposit,

Buys and Sells Bills of Exchange,

Issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be agreed upon.

Interest Allowed on Deposits:

Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

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E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, September 4, 1890. 1363

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
JUST LANDED—FIRST SUPPLY OF NEW SEASON'S

EXTRA FINEST
SIGNY BUTTER.

THE CHINA MAIL.

Intimations.

THE CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.
LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS TO THE HONGKONG TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

A
8.—Arnold, Kortberg & Co.
20.—Alice Memorial Hospital.
41.—Adamson, B. N. & Co.
B
18.—Butterfield & Swire.
32.—Brodie, W. Residence.
40.—Bellisio & Co.
47.—Bellisio, E. R., Kingclere.
48.—Bellisio, E. R., The Elysie.
C
Hartigan, Dr Wm., Queen's Road.
2.—Cantlie, Jr., Queen's Road.
Cowie, Dr Alex., Queen's Road.
3.—Cawlie, Dr J. Peak.
6.—China & Japan Telephone Co., Ltd.
13.—Chater, Sir Alexander.
15.—Central Police Station.
22.—China Mail.
23.—China Bureau Co., Ltd., Steam Saw Mill, Bowrington.
49.—Carlisle & Co.
55.—Cowie, Dr Alex.
D
12.—Daily Press.
17.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.
60.—Dakin Bros. of China, Ltd.
E
14.—E. E. & A. China Telegraph Co., Ltd.
65.—Era, N. N. J., Residence.
79.—Ezekiel & Joseph.
F
4.—Foster, F. T. P.
G
14.—Great Northern Telegraph Co.
31.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
44.—Government House.
75.—Gordon, A. G. & Co., Praya.
76.—Gordon, A. G. & Co., Bowrington.
80.—Government Civil Hospital.
H
20.—Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.
25.—H. K. & W. Dock—Aberdeen Duck.
27.—Holliway, Wm. & Co.
28.—Holliway, W. F.
32.—Holliway, W. St. John E., O.E.
45.—Hughes & Era.
46.—Holmes & Rody.
57.—Hughes, E. J., Residence.
68.—Hirst, Chas., Residence.
74.—Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.
77.—Ho Tung, Praya Central.
78.—Ho Tung, Simum Terace.
79.—Ho Tung, Bonham Strand.
81.—Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.
I
23.—Jordan, Dr G. P.
43.—Jordan, Dr G. P., Residence.
50.—Imports & Exports Office.
53.—Judd, Wm., Peak.
71.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
72.—Jardine, Matheson—Sugar Refinery.
L
5.—Linstead & Davis.
M
39.—Mackintosh, E., Residence.
73.—Millat, Martin, v. Mitians.
P
19.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
23.—Peak Hotel.
29.—Peak Hotel & Trading Co., Craigburn.
R
13.—Russell & Co.
51.—Ray, E. C.
S
52.—Sailors' Home.
53.—Sea Bings.
61.—Stevens, Geo. R., & Co.
62.—Stevens, R. R., Residence.
63.—Stoerloft & Hart.
T
1.—The Hongkong Telegraph.
9.—The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.
V
56.—Victoria Hotel, Public Telephone.
W
16.—Watson, A. S., & Co.
The Exchange is open day and night.
A SANDFORD, Agent.
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Business Notices.

EX FRENCH MAIL.

LAST NOVELTIES.

Now Showing in

WASHING SILKS.

LIBERTY SILKS.

Bengaline SILK ROBES.

(A Combination of Elegance and Economy.)

Silk Gloves. Silk Mitts. Sunshades.

Summer Walking SHOES. Tennis SHOES.

Hongkong Trading Company, Ltd.

Milliners, Costumiers and General Outfitters.

Vessels Advertised in Logins.

Destination	Vessel	Arrival	Date of Leaving
Bremen & Ports of Cali	Sachsen (s)	Aug. 2, at daylight	
Haiphong (s)	Messageries Maritimes	Aug. 2, at noon	
Hove, I. don't H'burg	Dowdall, Carrill & Co.	About August 2	
London & Ports of Cali	Kaisar-Hind (s)	Aug. 6, at noon	
London, v. Suu Canal	Glenlyon (s)	About August 3	
London, v. Suu Canal	Glenavul (s)	Aug. 6, at noon	
London, v. Suu Canal	Nestor (s)	Aug. 6, at noon	
London, v. Suu Canal	Jason (s)	Aug. 6, at noon	
London, v. Suu Canal	Empress (s)	Aug. 6, at noon	
Macassar via Amoy	Selatic (s)	Aug. 12, at noon	
Calburga	Calburga	Quick despatch	
Gibraltar (s)	Gibraltar (s)	Aug. 12, at noon	
China (s)	Pacific Mail S. Co.	Aug. 22, at 1 p.m.	
O. & O. S. S. Co.	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Aug. 11, at 1 p.m.	
Shanghai	Ancy (s)	Aug. 1, at 4 p.m.	
Ponape (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Aug. 1, at noon	
Shanghai via Amoy	Tener (s)	Aug. 2, at daylight	
S'low, Amoy & F'chow	Butterfield & Swire	Aug. 1, at noon	
S'pore, Penang & C'fts	D. Basson, Sons & Co.	Aug. 5, at noon	
S'pore, Havre & H'burg	S. Niels	Aug. 11, at noon	
Straits and Bouby	Tobacco (s)	Aug. 8, at daylight	
Yokohama (s)	Canadian P'c Co.	Aug. 11, at noon	
Yokohama, v. N'kia & Kobs	Verona (s)	Aug. 8, at daylight	

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND AT THE RATE OF 4 PER CENT. OR \$0.80 PER SHARE, DECLARED AT THE ORDINARY HALF YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS HELD THIS DAY, WILL BE PAYABLE AT THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, ON AND AFTER SATURDAY, THE 1ST AUGUST.

SHAREHOLDERS ARE REQUESTED TO APPLY AT THE OFFICES OF THE COMPANY FOR WARRANTS.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, July 31, 1891. 1511

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

THE CO'S. STEAMSHIP Sachsen, Captain H. SUMMER, carrying the German Mails for EUROPE &c., will leave on SUNDAY Morning, the 2nd August, at 5.30 a.m.

The Mail close at the Post-Office TOMORROW NIGHT, at 6 p.m. (Late Letters from 6.10 to 6.30 p.m.) There will be no Supplementary Mail at the Post-Office on SUNDAY. Correspondence may be posted on board until time of departure.

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, July 31, 1891. 1512

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR HAVRE, LONDON, HAMBURG AND ANTWERP.

The Steamship Cardiganshire, Captain JENKINS, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 2nd August.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARRILL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, July 31, 1891. 1450

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

Peninsular, Captain A. C. LOGGIM, with the outward Mail, is expected to arrive here on SATURDAY, the 1st August, at daylight, and will have quick despatch for the above Port.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

F. & O. S. N. Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 31, 1891. 1479

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Co's. Steamship Emerald, Captain G. A. TAYLER, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 3rd August, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWELL & CO., Temporary General Managers.

Hongkong, July 31, 1891. 1494

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour.—

M. G. WHITNEY, British barque, Captain W. H. SMITH—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

OREOZA, British barque, Captain A. V. Brown, Master.

POBLEDEN LLOYD, Amer. barque, Captain B. T. FORBES—Shewell & Co.

XIMA, American barque, Captain L. D. SMITH—Geo. R. STEVENS & CO.

WASHING BOOKS.
(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now be had at this Office.—Price, 4/- each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

Business Notices.

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Vessels Advertised in Logins.

CROSS sea 28th to 29th. S.E. wind 30th; S.E. and E. wind 31st and 1st Aug.

The British steamer Griffin reports: Sailed from Yokohama July 25th, at 7.12 p.m. Open Channel, half light. Windy and smooth sea; then to Turnabout, Southward wind, and thence to Hongkong moderate to strong North East, and fine weather. Arrived July 31st at 3.30 a.m. Time from Yokohama, 5 days, 11 hours.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close—

FOR STRAITS & BOMBAY.—

Per Teheran, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 1st Aug.

FOR STRAITS & CALCUTTA.—

Per Lightning, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 1st Aug.

FOR AMOY & MANILA.—

Per Don Juan, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 1st Aug.

FOR AMOY & MANILA.—

Per Samaritana, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 1st Aug.

FOR SHANGHAI.—

Per Amy, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 1st Aug.

FOR SAIGON.—

Per Phu Nhieu Kien, at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 1st Aug.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.—

Per Namee, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 1st Aug.

FOR HOIHOY & HAIPHONG.—

Per Haiphong, at 6 a.m., on Sunday, the 2nd Aug.

FOR NAGOAKA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.—

Per Nagaoka, at 9.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 5th Aug.

FOR KOREA.—

Per Moje, undelivered after this date subject to rent.

FOR TAIWAN.—

Per Taiwan, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 1st Aug.

FOR HONGKONG.—

Per Hongkong, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 1st Aug.

FOR KOREA.—

Per Korea, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 1st Aug.

FOR TAIWAN.—

Per Taiwan, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 1st Aug.

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Per Taiwan, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 1st Aug.

FOR HONGKONG.—

THE CHINA MAIL.

Consolidation Ordinance, 1891. In doing so he said—I may state that this is purely a consolidation of the existing ordinances, with the exception of sections 16 and 17, which are printed in italics; and which no doubt here Members will read before the second reading.

The Ordinance was read the first time.

THE MERCHANT SHIPPIING CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE.

The Acting Attorney General, in moving the second reading of this ordinance, said that in this case also the material alterations in the law would be printed in italics.

THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS PENSIONS ORDINANCE.

The Colonial Treasurer—I beg to ask that this ordinance be allowed to stand over till next week. I am at present collecting signatures from the various departments as to the officers who can be urged to support the repeal of this ordinance, and I have not yet had before me the replies I expect. This ordinance will not suffer by being allowed to stand over.

Agreed.

THE OPIUM ORDINANCE.

The Acting Attorney General said he had a similar request to make with regard to the second reading of the Opium Ordinance. This was a most important measure. Principally, as far as the Government is concerned, it affected the revenue, and in the second instance it was very important as regards the Opium Tax. Several important amendments had been suggested which he should like to have the fullest opportunity of considering. On the other hand, the Opium Farmer, he understood, had only come back from Japan two days ago, and had found that certain provisions which he expected to see in the bill were not there. Therefore it was important that the bill should be further considered. He added that if he could manage it the material alterations in the bill would be printed in italics before it again came before the Committee.

Mr Ho Kai—I hope the hon. the Attorney General will send us copies of the bill a few days before the second reading, if it contains alterations, so that we shall have time to consider these alterations.

The Attorney General—I shall do my best, but sometimes it is not possible to get bills out of the hands of the printer in time for circulation before the meeting. There seems to be some misconception with respect to the bill. There seems to be some misconception with respect to the definition of "opium." Less opium shall, in the case of Patna or Benares opium, mean any raw opium in less quantities than forty balls wherever it may be found or discovered or any Bengal opium &c. Bengal Opium here should be read "Patna or Benares opium."

Mr Whitehead—I would support the remarks made by the hon. member for West Lancashire (Mr Ho Kai). I think it is somewhat unreasonable to expect members to go into a bill of such importance as this with so very little previous time for consideration. It is almost absolutely necessary to refer a bill of this kind to those particularly interested in it, namely, the opium merchant's in London, who are here, of course, for their own benefit, but at the same time the colony derives a very large benefit from their presence here; and unless we have an opportunity of referring it to those who are interested we can offer very few suggestions that would be of practical utility.

His Excellency—I think it is very important that copies of the bill should be in the hands of hon. members as soon as possible, and every effort will be made to have it printed in time to allow members to consider it. It would be better to be able to get the amended bill printed sometime before the second reading, at all events the bill in its main aspect is at present in shape and will be before members, and any amendment to it may be left over in committee and reconsidered.

THE SUNDAY ORDINANCE COMES INTO FORCE TO-MORROW.

Mr Whitehead—I am aware that your Excellency has received a telegram from the Secretary of State announcing that Her Majesty the Queen has approved of the Sunday Cargo Working Ordinance. Notwithstanding that, I have been asked to still move the second reading of the proposed Bill. The Secretary of State has heard only one side of the question and I think it is very desirable and I sincerely hope that he would hear the other side. At last meeting of Council I laid upon the table copies of the memorial from most of the shipping firms and others in the colony and also copy of a memorial which is being signed by the Chinese. I also laid upon the table copies of a letter from the Senior Unofficial member and myself in connection with the Ordinance named the Sunday Cargo Working Ordinance.

Outside of the reasons mentioned in the memorial and in the letter in question, I have very little more to say, and therefore I move the second reading of the Bill to amend the Sunday Cargo Working Ordinance. The Senior Unofficial Member was to second this proposal, but unfortunately he did not do so.

Mr Ho Kai—I beg to second the resolution that this Bill be read a second time.

I see that the Bill seeks nothing beyond the extension of the time that the Sunday Cargo Working Ordinance should come into force. It does not strike at the root of the ordinance, but simply seeks to gain a little time until the Secretary of State is in possession of the views of those who are opposed to the Sunday Cargo Working Ordinance, and that ground I give it my support. Personally, as I showed you my written opinion the Sunday Cargo Working Ordinance came before the Committee, my sympathy is with those who are trying to obtain one day's respite of the same, whether there be a thousand men of them in the colony or only one. As I personally like to have my Sunday also I wish that everybody should have theirs. But at the same time I do not shut my eyes to the objection of others. There are a large number of shipping firms, agents and merchants opposed to the Ordinance, and I must say they have been treated in a very shabby way, because when the Bill came before the Committee some time ago it was to a certain extent forced through the Council. True, outside of the Council there has been plenty of criticism and re-consideration, but when the Bill was introduced it was to a great extent hurried through. The hon. member who proposed the present Bill, and the senior unofficial member were both absent, and I remember myself getting up and proposing that the second reading of the Bill should be adjourned, and also again proposing that the Committee stage and the third reading should be adjourned to give the two unofficial members an opportunity of discussing it in detail.

His Excellency replied that he could not wait longer, because he had the Bill passed before he had even ten days afterwards, and that I should propose that a meeting must be arranged for the day following. Finding that it was impossible for one member to speak on the thing, I with

draw my objection. But now the objectors have come forward and ask for an extension of two months, and I think they are fairly entitled to it. Those are the events who have caused these objectors to speak, and I think any injury to them should be another two months for what they have obtained in Council, and considering that they know that the Secretary of State has already telegraphed out sanctioning the ordinance they may afford to be generous and allow their opponents to have their say and bring their arguments against the Bill fully before the Secretary of State and Her Majesty's Government in England. It is for this reason that I second the second reading of the Bill.

His Excellency—Notwithstanding what his honour means has just said with regard to the objects of the Bill, the Cau-nan river continues adverse as ever, and several large shareholders have suggested that the field of the Company's operations might with advantage be extended to the North, and unless matters improve very shortly on the Cau-nan river his honour's suggestion will receive the serious consideration of the Board.

The Chairman then proposed the adoption of the report of the auditors, Messrs E. R. Bellville and F. Henderson.

Mr E. S. Cohen seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

The Chairman then proposed the re-election of Messrs E. R. Bellville and F. Poosnecker.

Mr E. Sulmon seconded.

Carried unanimously.

The Chairman proposed the re-election of the auditors, Messrs E. R. Gourdin and F. Henderson.

Mr E. S. Cohen seconded.

Mr R. A. Gubbay—Mr Chairman, I should like to know if there is any communication from Shanghai with regard to the present condition of the Canton river.

The Chairman—We have nothing at all; we know what we see in the papers, from time to time.

This concluded the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ONE WORD MORE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL,"
Hongkong, July 31, 1891.

Sir,—The "Sceptic" takes two columns of the "Sunday Mail" in an endeavor to show how Mr Dredgejoe, who is the holder of 240 signatures, a large number of which are those of men who have little interest in the matter, 25 signatures appear twice in two capacities, and the large arms are not prominently represented. We bear that a signature is also coming from the Chinese. I have reason to know that various signatures which have been taken round to invite signatures, which has been done only with difficulty completed within 20 months of the Ordinance being passed. The small arms of 240 signatures a large number of which are those of men who have little interest in the matter, 25 signatures appear twice in two capacities, and the large arms are not prominently represented. We bear that a signature is also coming from the Chinese. 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